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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Response to Arguments*

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-120 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

In response to Applicant's amendment filed on 03/24/2010, restriction is required for the claims.

### *Election/Restrictions*

2. This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

**Species 1**, including claims 1-20 and 61-120 relates to an apparatus comprising: a decoder to decode an activation message containing a predefined frequency, code, or bit, the activation message being sent from a request subsystem via a communication medium in response to a telephony call, the decoder generating an activation command upon detecting the predefined frequency, code, or bit pattern, and a transmitting unit coupled to the decoder to transmit a signal modulated from an information message to a receiver using a communication protocol, in response to the activation command, the information message containing a geographical location of a transmitter containing the transmitting unit.

**Species 2**, including claims 21-60 relates to a network comprising a plurality of commonly coupled location transmitters, each transmitter comprising a transmission

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unit to broadcast a signal modulated from an information message containing respective geographical location information of the transmitter upon receipt of an activation request that requests the geographical location information, the activation request being generated from a request subsystem in response to a telephony call.

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, **no claims are generic**.

Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over

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the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

3. Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

4. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

### ***Conclusion***

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to NGHI H. LY whose telephone number is (571)272-7911. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30am-8:00pm Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dwayne Bost can be reached on (571) 272-7023. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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